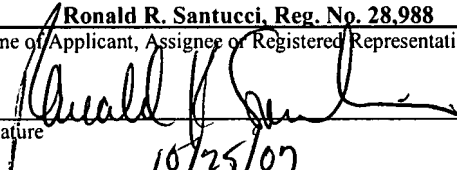


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2007, setting a three-month period for response ending October 25, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.